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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6457

BILL NUMBER: HB 1146

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 15, 2012

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Sunday Sales of Alcoholic Beverages for Carryout.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Eberhart

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
X DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides that a holder of an alcoholic beverage permit who is authorized by law to sell alcoholic beverages for carryout may sell carryout on Sunday.

Effective Date: July 1, 2013.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Alcohol and Tobacco Commission (ATC)* - This bill may require the ATC to amend rules governing alcoholic beverage permits to allow permit holders to sell alcoholic beverages for carryout on Sundays. The bill's provisions can be implemented within the ATC's existing level of resources.

Explanation of State Revenues: *Impact on Alcohol Sales* - While it is assumed that the majority of consumers are able to purchase all the alcoholic beverages they desire to consume within the hours dictated by current law, it is possible that the added convenience and availability of alcohol sales on Sundays would allow consumers to purchase more alcoholic beverages than they would have otherwise. The extent to which consumers would make additional purchases above what would normally be purchased under current law is unknown. However, additional Sunday purchases of alcoholic beverages could be offset by decreased purchases of alcoholic beverages on other days or by decreased consumer spending on other taxable items.

An increase in alcohol sales would impact revenue collected from the Alcoholic Beverage Tax and could impact revenue collected from the state Sales Tax. Alcoholic Beverage Taxes are distributed in varying amounts to the following funds: state General Fund, Post War Construction Fund, Enforcement and Administration Fund, Pension Relief Fund, Addiction Services Fund, and Wine Grape Market Development Fund. The state retains

50% of the General Fund distribution, and the remainder is allocated to cities and towns based on population.

Sales Tax revenue is deposited in the state General Fund (99.848%), the Commuter Rail Service Fund (0.123%), and the Industrial Rail Service Fund (0.029%).

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues: Local revenues could increase to the extent that local units receive distributions from the state General Fund, Commuter Rail Service Fund, or Industrial Rail Service Fund (see *Explanation of State Revenues*).

State Agencies Affected: Alcohol and Tobacco Commission.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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